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Dear Dr. Lederberg,

Dr. Hamburg wrote to you several months ago about getting in touch with Dr. Ronald Crystal at NIH regarding my husband's alpha1-antitrypsin deficiency and emphysema. Although I'm sure you don't remember me from all the faces in HumBio lectures in 1969-73, I remember you and your lectures well! I went to Gombe to study the baboons in 1972, and this opened up a serious interest and career for me in tropical ecology and land use. 

I see you have gotten a copy of Dr. Crystal's letter to me offering to examine Harald at NIH and possibly to include him in one of his trials. We are extremely grateful for this opportunity, which gives us the hope that the progress of Harald's emphysema can be slowed. The time element is especially important to us since we have two young daughters, age 3 and 1.5.

I just wanted to thank you for whatever role you may have had in making the contact with Dr. Crystal. I understand from Dr. Hamburg that you are good friends with him. Harald and I have been amazed and deeply moved that you and Dr. Hamburg, in your positions and your innumerable commitments, have made the effort to help us in this way. We are deeply indebted.

Sincerely yours, and with very best wishes,

Faye Benedict